(e) Projections for the year 1997-98 are as under:

Passenger Carriage: 3.33 Million
Cargo Carriage: 383.5 Million Cargo Ton Kilometer

Aircraft Utilisation:

Aircraft type	Hrs. per annum
A300	2606
A310	3438
B747	2048
Combi	3854
747-400	4219
Average	3274

(f) The India is taking steps to reduce costs and improve yield by consolidating its market share through improvement of product, image and on-time performance.

Conditions for chartering the Air India's aircraft

1413. SHRI K. RAHMAN KHAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Air India charters its aircraft;

(b) what are the conditions for chartering the aircraft;

(c) how many times the Air India has given its aircrafts on charter during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) names of organisations and persons who have chartered the aircraft; and

(e) amount paid by them for chartering the aircraft?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C. M. IBRAHIM): (a) Air India does not normally charter its aircraft to any outside party except to the Government of India for VVIP travel and the Central Haj Committee for carriage of haj pilgrims.

(b) For chartering the aircraft, the charter price is worked out taking into consideration various operational costs and a standard charter agreement is signed with the chartering party.

(c) to (e) The details are given in the statement. (*See* below):

Statement

Year	Name of organisation	No. of Times	Amount paid (Rs. in crores)
95-96	President of India	Once	31.64
	Prime Minister of India	Four times	
96-97	President of India	Once	20.61
	Prime Minister of India	Four times	
97-98		Nil	

For Haj operations, Air India has been paid the following amounts by the government as subsidy on pilgrim fare during last three years:—

Year	Amount paid by Government (Rs. in crores)
1995-96	15.95
1996-97	35.60
1997-98	34.00 out of Rs. 91 Crores Payble

In addition, Central Haj Committee has paid to Air India Rs. 12,000/- per pilgrim every year.